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Poll Shows Black America Pessimistic, More Radical: A major new poll shows African Americans increasingly pessimistic about the country and more willing to support radical political ideas such as the formation of an all black political party. The survey was conducted by University of Chicago political science professor Michael Dawson. According to Dawson, "this report presents a preliminary portrait of black America, a more nationalistic and radical black America than existed five years ago." Among the other survey findings: 73 percent were pessimistic that racial equality would be achieved in their lifetime; 80 percent felt the American legal and economic systems were unfair to blacks and 62 percent felt controversial Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan represents "a positive viewpoint inside the black community." Despite increased national and racial tensions, 86 percent of blacks viewed themselves as Democrats. 67 percent had a positive impression of President Clinton and 86 percent disagreed with the call for a separate black nation.—CHICAGO, IL

NY Corruption Shows Blacks As Victims Of "Drug War": The latest corruption case to sweep the New York City police department suggests that blacks not only suffer disproportionately from drug abuse but are increasingly suffering from the so-called war against drugs. Fourteen New York police officers were arrested last week and another 35 are expected to be arrested or disciplined in coming weeks. All the officers are from the 80th precinct, which covers predominantly black Harlem. The officers are accused of stealing money from suspected drug dealers, stealing drugs and selling them, and "brutalizing citizens on day and night shifts, and virtually every day of the week." Police Commissioner William Bratton estimated that 25 percent of the precinct was either involved in the corruption or knew about it. Meanwhile, critics say the New York corruption is a nationwide phenomenon with law enforcement officials in many cities using their increased anti-drug powers not to fight drugs but to enrich themselves.—NEW YORK, NY

Writer Ralph Ellison Dead At 80: Ralph Ellison—whose book *Invisible Man* was widely (Continued on Page 3)

Cablevision airs political debates

NEWARK—Cablevision's Local Origination Channel 3 will host a series of political forums examining the candidates in May 10 Newark Municipal Elections.

Host Sandra King of New Jersey Network News will be joined by a panel of reporters in questioning candidates on the issues affecting each Ward in the city. The six forums will air live at 8 p.m. and were designed to inform the viewers of their choices.

The first forum recently aired Monday, April 25 and featured West Ward Councilman (Continued on page 10)



Secretary of Health Donna E. Shalala and a few precious little people urge parents across America to immunize their children during National Infant Immunization Week, April 23-29. See page 4 for article.

Newark residents seek empowerment zone

by Kaylin Dines

Local residents, business people, Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community task force members gathered Saturday to analyze the needs and explore methods of improving poverty-stricken areas in Newark.

During this meeting, facilitated by City Business Administrator Glenn Grant, the education, housing, economic development, social services and public safety task forces offered ideas and vision statements that are aimed at educating and training people, creating jobs, enhancing public safety and improving housing.

Although each task force meets separately to identify goals and strategies, Grant maintains that ideas from each group will be incorporated into one proposal.

As a part of the Clinton/Gore Administration's attempt to revitalize poverty-stricken inner cities, the Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) program has been developed. The goal of this federally funded program is to refurbish and enrich distressed communities.

In addition, poverty rates and population, based on 1990 census data, are among the criteria that makes a city eligible to compete for EZ/EC funding.

During an interview prior to last Saturday's EZ/EC meeting, Mayor Sharpe James likened the possibility of receiving the monetary empowerment award to a movie called *The Millionaire*. "Imagine, someone knocks on your door and says here is \$100 million."

The mayor said, "although the competition is stiff" Newark, like other cities nationwide, is preparing to complete the application for the upcoming June 30th deadline.

"How can we put together a proposal that says we need it? Here's how we will spend it. Here are the benefits and, in so selecting Newark, we will spend it. Here are the benefits and, in so selecting Newark, we will significantly improve the quality of life in our city in terms of social services, economic development, job opportunities, and even in public safety," said Newark's 35th mayor.

According to Mayor James, the proposal should answer the questions, "How can these dollars be best spent to trigger and continue the renaissance and revitalize and make Newark a better place to live?"

Along with spurring economic development, Mayor James feels the proposal should not exclude health services for seniors citizens and AIDS victims.

A wide range of innovative strategies are being formulated to improve the quality of life in the renaissance city. More specifically, the Education Task Force, chaired by Larry Leverett, of the New Community Corporation, feels issues such as self-esteem, health, housing, and social services need to be addressed. In addition, this task force is interested in developing a "Community School."

Designed to service the community, this school would consist of an extended day program that enables residents to tend to government matters. This educational insti-

tute is also expected to provide health needs to local families and attract neighborhood children via after-school programs that offer cultural, economic, academic, and physical recreation.

In addition, Leverett said, "no one group can accomplish the work without the others."

Public Safety Chairperson Captain Brennan said locking up drug dealers and

prostitutes does not solve the problem or serve as a pivotal point in that person's life.

Treatment education for people and family members that are linked to these lifestyles is a step towards decreasing crime, said Captain Brennan.

Social Services Chairperson Carolyn Wallace, director of the International Youth Organization, said her task force focused on

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Clinton Plaza breaks ground



Alfred Faella and Mayor Sharpe James look on as Speaker Gualberto Medina addresses the gathering at the Clinton Plaza ground breaking ceremony.

NEWARK—Ground breaking ceremony was recently held for Clinton Plaza, a new neighborhood shopping center, on a Clinton Avenue.

The property was purchased at a City sponsored developer's auction by Clinton Associates of Monclair. The 18,500 square foot center will be anchored by a Rite Aid pharmacy, with the remaining space dedicated to neighborhood uses. Clinton Plaza architect Martin B. Dassa, AIA, said, "the warehouse had been vacant for 30 years and was an eyesore to the neighborhood. Clinton Plaza not only contributes to the revitalization of the City, but also provides vital needed consumer products and services, which residents could not previously purchase in their own immediate neighborhood."

Mayor Sharpe James was among the local and state officials who joined the developers to launch the South Ward project. "The partners of Clinton Plaza Associates are no strangers to Newark. I have had the pleasure of joining them before as they launched such

outstanding residential projects as Tiffany Manor in the North Ward and America's Dream Homes in the South Ward, said James.

"However, in addition to building new housing, we must provide the amenities to service residents of the complexes. Clinton Plaza represents the type of neighborhood retail malls that are revitalizing our communities. These projects encourage the development of small businesses by local entrepreneurs and create jobs."

Gualberto Medina, New Jersey's commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development stated, "we believe the revitalization of Newark's neighborhoods is as important as that of the City's downtown and we involved coaches and parents."

Clinton Plaza partner Paul DeBellis, Sr. described the assistance from all of the parties (Continued on page 3)

Corrina Kay-Williams loses battle with cancer

by Connie Woodruff



The late Corrina-Kay Williams

This city, the state and friends throughout the country are mourning the passing of Councilwoman Corrina (Kitten) Kay-Williams who lost her long battle against cancer last week.

No one was more aware of the seriousness of her illness than the feisty councilwoman who was the epitome of a "Profile in Courage." She chose to continue her lifestyle of professional and community involvement

over wallowing in self-pity as her days dwindled down to a precious few.

When she was elected to the East Orange Council last year, it was her most coveted accomplishment. She eagerly looked forward to serving the city where she was born and raised in an official status. "I am finally in a position to give something back," she often said. "I owe so much to this community and good government will be my lasting legacy to the city that has given me and others so much."

Corrina Kay Williams was certainly a "productive citizen." She was an educator by profession. As a student she was an over-achiever at St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute in Lawrenceville, VA and Fisk University where she received a Bachelor Degree in Science as a History major and Mathematics minor.

She expanded her academic base earning certification in Guidance from Seton Hall University and Kean College and a MA from Kean in Administration and Supervision.

Kay-Williams was vice principal at Central High School in Newark from 1972-1990. Her first teaching assignment with the Newark system was 1959, as a Mathematics teacher at West Kinney Jr. High School. Later she was promoted to guidance counselor at West Kinney. Because of her special methodology in teaching math to inner city students, she was in great demand as a math teacher in Newark summer high schools as well as a self-employed mathematics tutor.

Interaction with students never stopped at the school house door for Corrina. It was not unusual for young people to gather at her home for after-school rap sessions or to visit her in the school office. She held education certificates as school principal and supervisor, counselor, elementary school teacher, secondary school teacher of mathematics and science and was more than willing to counsel, advise and mentor young people and adults wherever and whenever help was needed.

Enters Political Arena

Perhaps it was inevitable that as she progressed professionally, Corrina would turn to politics as an outlet for her yet untapped creative energy.

She began to think seriously of exploring elected politics while involved in the struggle to elect Bill Hart the city's first African-American mayor in the early 1970s.

At the end of Hart's first term in office Corrina was a bona fide political activist who felt the first stirrings of an ambition to serve as an elected official.

Her personality as a free thinking, strong-willed, independent individual gave her the attributes that made her a force to be reckoned with when opportunity knocked. (Continued on page 10)

Playball!

PLAINFIELD—For close to forty years the City of Plainfield has had a youth baseball league. But in 1993 the league, led by Joe Matthews and Ross James, seemed doomed because the local Kiwanis Club withdrew funding for the upcoming season.

Through the efforts of Greg McCray league vice president, Joe Goodson, league president, Don Petty head of Tee-Ball, Matthews, James and many others, the league has been revitalized with financial assistance coming from the Police Community Action League (P-CAL). Since P-CAL "doesn't fund other activities, we decided to merge the two leagues—the Plainfield Youth League and the Plainfield Babe Ruth League," said Steve Jordan P-CAL chairman.

Now officially known as the Plainfield Babe Ruth League, under the umbrella of P-CAL, this group, whose participation doubled from last year, consists of eight Tee-Ball teams; 10 Minor League teams; six Major League teams and five Pony League teams.

Over 350 boys and girls ages six through 13 are now playing baseball.

McCray, also a coach, and local business owner urges to the community to "come out and see the kids in full uniform, see a refurbished Rock Avenue field and see the involved coaches and parents."

The opening games start Saturday, April 30 at the Rock Avenue field in Plainfield. The community is invited to come and support Plainfield's youth. The opening ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m. with remarks by Plainfield's Mayor Mark Fary. The day is dedicated to John Pepe for his 30 plus years in Plainfield's Recreation Department.

"We want the kids to continue to be absorbed in positive activities. And we want the community to be involved too. With 368 participants, we need your support," says McCray.

The Plainfield Babe Ruth League needs coaches, umpires and volunteers to help. To lend your support call 908-756-1566.

Community Calendar

NOW THRU MAY 12

NEWARK—Newark Public Library hosting display of 135 prints representing 66 years of priming of The Society of American Graphic Artists. In Second and third floor galleries. For more info, call 201-733-5643.

APRIL 5-MAY 10

PLAINFIELD—Tutor Training Workshop for an English as a Second Language Course. Tutors needed for Literacy Volunteers of America program. Located at The Plainfield Public Library. Please call if interested, 908-757-1111.

APRIL 14-MAY 5

TRENTON—Thursday at the New Jersey State Museum, basic astronomy course for families. \$20 for adults and \$12 for children 8 years and over. Reservations is a must, call 609-292-6333 for further information.

NOW THRU JUNE 9

BATTERY PARK CITY—Tour the gardens of Battery Park City with the horticulturists who maintain them. Every Thurs. thru June 9. Two 45-minute tours at 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Meet at Rector Gate.

NOW THRU MAY 28

PLAINFIELD—Literacy Volunteers of America. Basic Reading and Tutor Training Workshop at the Plainfield Public Library on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 908-757-1111 or 755-7998 for more information.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

IRVINGTON—Family Dialogue Night. Parents and students will have an opportunity to discuss the educational needs of students. 7-8 p.m., Frank H. Morrell High School. For further information contact Joyce Whitney at 399-6970.

SUMMIT—New Jersey Center for Visual Arts invites you to explore the special characteristics of Burgundy wines by tasting a unique selection of red and white wines from 10 different vineyards. Admission \$30, reservations required. For more info, call 908-273-3121.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

NEWARK—A mixing of African cultures with foods, music, and dance. Come in national/ethnic attire. 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. at Newark Symphony Hall. Tickets are \$30. Call 201-643-8009.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

EAST ORANGE—New Jersey Black Issues Convention, hosted by the East Orange Unified Council of PTA's/PTOs, will be held at East Orange High School,

starting at 11 a.m. Vendors interested in participating should call P. Blanton at 874-4073 or B. Badley at 674-3275.

NEWARK—Newark Community School of the Arts presents their 26th Annual Concert. Mary Burch Theatre, Essex County College, 303 University Ave. For more info, call 201-642-0133.

MADISON—The Drew University Department of Chemistry will sponsor an annual lake market. Lots of second hand equipment at reasonable prices. 9 a.m. to noon on the Madison Campus. Special discounts to students, teachers and schools. All are welcome. Call 201-408-3369.

SUNDAY, MAY 1

NEWARK—The 16th Annual African-American Heritage Parade. Bands, Pictas, vendors, dancers, and more. Broad St. from Lincoln Park to Washington Park. 12 noon to 4 p.m. Call 201-642-5051.

WEST ORANGE—The Thomas Edison National Historic Site will open to the public. Special presentations between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to see his 1887 machine shop in operation. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2, 17 and under admitted free. 201-738-5050.

MOUNTAINVIEW—15th Annual Pet Fair, 1-5 p.m. at the Triadale Nature & Science Center. Admission is \$1, call 908-789-3670.

MAY 2-11

HACKENSACK—Workshop in Assertiveness Training for women. 4 session workshop to be held Mondays and Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bergen County Technical School, \$25 fee, scholarships available to eligible participants. To register please call 201-340-6000, ext. 275.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

WESTFIELD—Bus Trip to Reading Pennsylvania. Full day trip to visit Reading Outlet, Varsity Fair Outlet, Denskin Outlet, Freeman Shoe, and Black & Decker Outlet. \$41 per person. 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. To register call Cathy Forsythe between 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 908-654-9854.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

BELLE MEAD—Where's the "Me" in Time? A conference at the Carver Foundation to help women set priorities and learn to cope with their many responsibilities. 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$20 fee covers workshops, lectures, breakfast and lunch. For more information call 908-281-1515.

Newark resident honored by Muscular Dystrophy Association

UNION—Lisa Ann Jones of Newark, producer and coordinator of interns and volunteers with Suburban Cablevision's TV3, was honored as the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Woman of Achievement in a recognition themed "A Salute To The Women of Central Jersey."



Lisa Ann Jones award recipient

Jones attended Jersey City State College, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Media Arts.

During her college years, she received The National Dean's List Award and was listed in Who's Who Among American College and University Students.

During her TV career she has received awards such as the Cape Award from the Cable Television Network (CTN) for the *Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: A Gift From The Heart*, in which she served as producer and editor and five Ace Awards for *Info: NJ Magazine*, in which she served as segment producer and editor.

Jones presently works as the producer of *Info: Magazine, Challenge, and Reality In Retrospect*. She also recruits, trains, and supervises the intern/volunteer program at TV3 in Avenel.

'A tradition of firsts'



EAST ORANGE—Standing (L-R) Lamyra D. Clarke, president of Beta Alpha Omega Newark Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Mrs. Lois Niles, Coordinator of Children's Services, Shalonda Monroe, Shores Rhymes, and Gail Gillespie, chair woman of the publicity campaign for "A Tradition of Firsts." Seated (L-R) Desirae Walker, Corlissa Walker, Andrea Freeman, and Nicole Walker. The sorority has produced "A Tradition of Firsts," a poster featuring twelve African-American women who have achieved first in fields ranging from athletics to science. The poster includes Toni Morrison, first African-American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature; Maya Angelou, first African-American woman to pen a poem for a presidential inauguration and other women of "firsts."

Bradley names Wells as campaign finance chairman



PRINCETON—Senator Bill Bradley announced recently that he has named Theodore V. Wells, Jr. as campaign finance chairman for his 1996 campaign.

Wells is the general counsel for the New Jersey State Democratic Committee. He has been a partner in the law firm of Lowenstein, Sandler, Kohl, Fisher and Ryalan, located in Roseland, since 1981.

confidant and someone I have always counted on," Bradley said. "He will be a tremendous asset to my campaign, and I am pleased that he will be a part of the team."

Wells graduated from Harvard Law and Business Schools in 1976 and Holy Cross College in 1972. He was selected by the National Law Journal in 1991 as one of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America."

President Carlisle receives community service award

WESTFIELD—President Carlisle, Jr., Coordinator of the Westfield Community Center "Youth At Risk" program has been selected to receive the 1993 "Community Service Award."

The award, is given by the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, and is one of its "Faith in Westfield" awards.

Presentation of the award will be made at the Chamber's Annual Awards event at the Shacknuff Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m.

According to one nominator, the generous amount of time and effort with youths and their parents/guardians, the courts, detention center, prosecutors, public defenders, probation officers and judges, have made a major impact on a significant number of African-American boys in difficult situations. Helping them has helped the whole community. For ticket information call Ernestine Howell at 908-232-4759.

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RVCC holds festival

BRANCHBURG—Raritan Valley Community College will host its 14th Annual International Festival.

The day-long free event is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Branchburg campus (located on Route 28 and Lamington Road just off of Route 22 or 78). Performances will be given by various ethnic groups for both children and adults.

Some performances will require ticket purchase. Ticket reservations for both mainstage events can be made by calling the Theatre box office at 908-725-3420.

For additional information on the event, contact the RVCC Community Education office at 908-218-8871 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL ALIGNMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED MONORAIL BETWEEN LOT E AT NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND A NEW RAIL STATION ON THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR (NEC)

DATE: Monday, May 9, 1994
TIME: 4:00 - 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Days Inn-Princeton Room
450 U.S. Route 1 South
Newark, NJ 07114
(This facility is located directly across from the main entrance to the Airport on Route 1 South.)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Anyone interested in a progress report on the proposed extension on the Monorail system (which is presently under construction at Newark Airport) from Parking Lot E across Routes 1 and 9 to the proposed rail station on the Northeast Corridor (NEC).

AGENDA:

- Introduction
- Review of Alignment Alternatives
 - Presentation of Additional Alignment Alternatives
 - Evaluation of Alignment Alternatives
 - Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Decision of Inclusion of Additional Alternatives in the Monorail-NEC Connection Project
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
- Project Schedule
- Questions/Discussion

Next Meeting: DEIS Public Hearing - Summer 1994

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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National News

at a glance
by Robert N. Taylor

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considered one of the greatest novels of the 20th century, died last week at his home on New York's Riverside Drive. Ellison was 80. *Invisible Man* was published in 1952 and immediately became a best seller. It is about the trials and tribulations of a young black man who suffers at the hands of both blacks and whites who refuse to see him apart from his color. By the early 1970's the book was required reading on most black college campuses and on many white campuses as well. Poet Langston Hughes wrote of the book: "A stunning blockbuster that will floor and flabbergast some people and keep others reading right through to its explosive end." Ellison was born in Oklahoma City. He leaves a brother and his wife of 48 years Fanny.

NEW YORK, NY

Rwanda Slashes Further Into An "Orgy Of Violence" The central African nation of Rwanda last week sent further into what one Red Cross official called "an orgy of violence with guns and machetes." The main combatants are the Hutu-dominated Rwanda army and the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front, a rebel group that has been fighting since early April when Rwandan President Juvénal Habyarimana died in a plane crash. The dominant Hutus accused Tutsi rebels of shooting down the plane. Last week's fighting was using guns, knives, clubs and machetes on rival tribe members. The rebels have the upper hand militarily and the United Nations has been unable to negotiate a cease-fire. —KIGALI, RWANDA

Black Group Trying To Buy Oakland A's Baseball Team Prominent blacks are trying to put together a coalition of business leaders, entertainers and former athletes to buy the Oakland Athletics baseball club. The effort is being spearheaded by Charles S. Furrell who heads the Commission for Fairness in Athletics which is a division of Jesse Jackson's National Rainbow Coalition. According to Furrell, blacks have had several discussions concerning the purchase of the team and now he says "We are going to find out if people are willing to put their money where their mouth is." Team owner Walter Haas hinted last week that he was ready to sell the club which has been losing money for the last three years. Oakland is about 40 percent black. —OAKLAND, CALIF.

Wilder Once Again Enters Virginia Race For U.S. Senate Virginia's first black elected governor has once again decided he wants to be the second black U.S. Senator. Former governor L. Douglas Wilder announced last week that he has authorized a petition drive that could put him on the ballot in November. Last January Wilder dropped out of the race, bowing to what appeared to be an insurmountable lead by incumbent Senator Charles Robb. But Robb remains plagued by questions of marital fidelity and alleged personal indiscretions. The November race could end up as a bitter four-way battle involving Robb, Republican Oliver North, Wilder and Republican independent J. Marshall Coleman. Current the only black in the U.S. Senate is Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois. —RICHMOND, VA.

Randall Robinson Begins Fast Over U.S. Haitian Policy Randall Robinson the executive director of the lobbying organization TransAfrica last week began a fast to protest Clinton administration policy toward Haiti. Robinson says the policy of accepting "boat" refugees from Cuba and turning back black refugees from Haiti is "grossly discriminatory." Robinson says he will not eat until the policy is changed. Clinton says the current policy would encourage more Haitians to come to America instead of struggling to improve their own nation. —WASHINGTON, D.C.

Minority Economic Program Said To Benefit White Areas According to a study by the Associated Press, the "new" minority stop program designed to benefit minority business owners is "rewarding the 'haves' of \$10 billion in contracts" to firms located in wealthy, predominantly white areas. AP's computer analysis found that nearly 80 percent of minority set aside contracts (the Small Business Administration's 8(a) program) are going to white areas. The program was designed to aid minority firms in minority areas so that both the business owner and the community would benefit financially. But it appears even some minority-owned firms which get contracts are relocating out of low-income, inner-city communities. —LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

by Gwen McKinney and Annette Coram

Randall Robinson, Executive Director of TransAfrica, has begun a hunger strike to protest the Clinton policy toward Haiti. In a press conference at the TransAfrica headquarters

in Washington, Robinson announced he will begin a fast which will continue until the summary repatriation of Haitian refugees is ended.

"The United States has effectively sealed Haitian political refugees into the death chambers of their own country. In no other case, against no other people has our nation employed

measures of automatic repatriation," states Robinson.

Since the coup in 1991, which overthrew the first democratically elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, there have been more than 3,000 illegal executions, 5,000 kidnappings and disappearances, 2,100 cases of torture and at least

equal number of illegal raids and searches.

Robinson was joined by several members of the Congressional Black Caucus including Representatives Carrie Meek, Major Owens, Donald Payne, Charles Rangel, and Maxine Waters. Robinson is expected to be joined periodically throughout the fast by labor, religious, civil rights leaders and members of the Artists for Democracy in Haiti. ADH includes over 175 prominent artists such as Harry and Julie Belafonte, Jonathan Demme, Robert DeNiro, Danny Glover, Iman, Quincy Jones, KRS-1, Spike Lee, Gregory Peck, Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon, Blair Underwood, Dionne Warwick, and Sigourney Weaver.

Through the use of the fast, Robinson hopes to end summary repatriation of Haitian refugees, to tighten sanctions against Haiti and to ultimately return President Aristide to power. The announcement of the fast came just days after two human rights organizations, Human Rights Watch and the National Coalition for Haitian Refugees, cited the Clinton Administration for continuing to disregard the human rights of the Haitian people.

During his campaign, then candidate Clinton, denounced the Bush policy of summary repatriation of Haitian refugees and vowed to change the unfair policy. Over a year into his

presidency, the policy remains unchanged.

President Aristide was overthrown in a violent coup September, 1991, after only eight months in office. Since then, military forces have continued to wage a brutal reign of terror on supporters of Aristide.

In July 1993, the Governors Island Agreement was signed by Aristide and General Raoul Cedras at the behest of the United Nations. This agreement, which was to take effect on October 30, 1993, called for the return of President Aristide to power. The agreement also stipulated stepping down of the military high command and police chief, separation of the military from the police and the deployment of the UN technical assistance mission. The military refused to abide by the agreement and launched a campaign of killings, rapes, beatings and imprisonment of democracy supporters.

President Clinton then set a deadline of January 15th for the military to step down or tough sanctions would be imposed. But the deadline came and went with no action by President Clinton. Critics also point to the increasing drug trafficking by the military as an important reason for U.S. actions. Robinson says he hopes people will call the White House and their congressional representatives to protest the Clinton policy.

Military runs amuck in Haiti

White House tends to Bosnia while blacks die in droves

WASHINGTON, D.C.—As American and European leaders debate how to curb Bosnian Serb troop movements in the mountains of former Yugoslavia, diplomats and human rights monitors in this hemisphere's Haiti say that the country's military reign of terror is growing, leaving hundreds dead and thousands in hiding in that black country.

Black leaders have declared the White House's policy toward Haiti as "racist" and "inactive." The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) has called on President Clinton to abandon current policy toward Haiti and support their plan for tougher actions to restore President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power.

TransAfrica Executive Director Randall Robinson has gone on a hunger strike to highlight Clinton's "inaction." TransAfrica recently launched a national campaign to bring attention to the Clinton Administration's lack of resolve to restore Aristide to the presidency in Haiti with a full page newspaper ad saying "President Clinton, 3,000 Haitians slaughtered, many of them our nation could have saved."

Human Rights Watch, a human rights monitoring organization, says that the military's reign of terror includes rapes of the wives and relatives of Aristide supporters, the kidnapping of small children of activists, extensive use of clandestine prisons to hold and torture captured Aristide supporters, and the horrific mutilation of bodies before dumping them in public places and leaving them there to be eaten by pigs.

Black Washington insiders say that "Although Clinton has been very sensitive in his unmatched number of appointments of blacks to high government posts, his policy toward Haiti and summary repatriation of Haitian refugees has been insensitive." The President is in constant contact with the Defense Department and NATO leaders in regards to the situation in Bosnia, but according to the Black Caucus, TransAfrica and human rights groups, he pays scant attention to the plight of scores of Haitians who die daily.

President Aristide said recently that the administration "Talks about democracy but does nothing about it in Haiti." Aristide was elected with the largest plurality of any elected president in the Western Hemisphere but was overthrown by the military on September 29, 1991, after eight months in office.

Under a United Nations-brokered agreement last year, Aristide was to return last October 30. When the army blocked his return, the UN imposed an oil and arms embargo. The US and other nations vowed stiff new sanctions to force the military from power by January 15, but no action was taken by the deadline or since.

"Things are definitely worse since the United States and the international community have lost all credibility," said a Haitian analyst. "First it was October 30, then it was January 15, and now we are in April and nothing has happened. The military perceives, and rightly so, that they have won and have nothing to fear from anyone."

According to Human Rights Watch, the Clinton administration's policy toward Haiti is "Contributing to a human rights disaster." Senators John Kerry of Massachusetts, Tom Harkin of Iowa and Christopher Dodd of Connecticut have taken positions against the administration's Haitian policies. Harkin said "We are walking away from Haitians." And Dodd said "Things that were unheard of even under the worse days of the Duvalier regime are occurring on a daily basis. The displacement of victims of violence, kidnapping of children, rape of women and in significant numbers—these things never happened before in this country."

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OPINION EDITORIAL

An Historic Election

Everyone is excited about the upcoming election in South Africa. In spite of the killing and intimidation aimed at thwarting the momentum of the majority voters, the world looks on and waits to celebrate the end of apartheid and a democratic government under the leadership of Nelson Mandela.

Many have supported the vote by giving donations to help in the education of voters. Many more are praying for a peaceful and fair election process. We believe that all should petition the US government to watch the election closely to ensure that those who choose to vote can vote without fear and intimidation.

Secondly, after the election, where many believe Nelson Mandela will become the new president, the United States should not only immediately recognize the new democracy, but let the white Right Wing, and any other terrorist groups know that this government supports the duly elected government.

It is an exciting time for the world to witness a milestone in the struggle for freedom. It is not often that we get to view first-hand such an historic event. Teachers, preachers, politicians and parents should take time to discuss the South African vote with young people. By letting them understand the significance of this historic vote, they may better understand the importance of voting themselves and be less apt to take voting for granted.



by Connie Woodruff

While Newark Mayor Sharpe James is hoping he will garner 50 percent plus one of the vote in the May 10 election for mayor and city council, his rivals are desperately dreaming of a lower percentage that will force James into a run-off election in June.

Voters are hoping the weeks between now and May 10 will pass quickly. Enthusiasm is quickly turn-



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

A number of incumbents running for office this year in local races all across the state are being forced to deal with the issue of ethics. We would expect any individuals who hold positions that are supposed to protect the interest of the citizens they are elected to serve, know that they are expected to maintain and adhere to high ethical standards. Those who feel that this is asking too much or that it's a high price to pay for being in the public spotlight, should rethink and reconsider whether or not they wish to maintain their public offices and positions.

The misuse and abuse of the public's trust by certain public officials should not be condoned or pardoned by ridiculous excuses or reasons. If a person holding a leadership position "doesn't know any better," than it's probably safe to say that they shouldn't be in a leadership capacity. They should be removed from office and stripped of their power and authority over others.

It oftentimes comes down to a very basic reality—some people simply cannot handle power. Edmund Burke once said, "The greater the power, the more dangerous the

ing to boredom for those who will be the deciding factor on election day.

There is a feeling among astute political watchers that many Newarkers are unhappy campers. Some are honest enough to say (not for quotes) they are fed up with escalating taxes and water bills. The national attention the mayor is receiving from President Clinton and elsewhere means nothing to Newark. Despite claims crime is down people are being robbed, mugged and killed on the streets of Newark and schools are not educating kids.

The candidates' debates have settled into a pattern where mayoral hopefuls Dr. Colleen Walton, Bill Payne and Ras Baraka spend their time attacking Mayor James who continues to point to his record of eight years in

office without presenting a blueprint for the future except two planned recreational facilities.

However, it is possible a new star is about to be born as the result of this year's mayor-council campaign. Ras Baraka who constantly reminds audiences he has a campaign platform directed at 10 specific issues Newarkers need to address.

There is also every indication that this young Turk won't disappear after May 10 and he has every intention of developing.

Ras Baraka is the son of famous parents (Amiri and Anina Baraka) but he is definitely cashing in on their community recognition in his uphill

battle for the mayor's job.

He is standing very much on his own two feet and earning his way into the hearts of the people he would like to serve. Unfortunately, Newark is traditional when it comes to change and there's a reluctance to open doors for young people who threaten the status quo. It will take more than a burning desire to want to change things around for young folks like Baraka and those willing to work hard like members of the Young Democrats of Essex County.

Most of this year's crop of candidates are having a hard time raising money.

That's not surprising given the

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The abuse of power must stop

abuse." You have many individuals who profess the best of intentions as to why they want to hold certain offices and positions. They sound very sincere, and are very skillful at manipulating people. It's usually only after they've gained people's confidence and trust that they begin to engage in questionable activities and behaviors. The abuse of power manifests itself in several levels, and displays of arrogance and egotism usually come forth, where previously they have been cleverly hidden.

Blatant acts of intimidation and bullying of people take place. Once these individuals find success in getting what they want by using these tactics, the abuse of their power and authority begins. They lie, steal and distort the facts to get what they want. They even make themselves believe that their behavior is somehow justified, as long as things are going their way, forget about constructive criticism from anyone, and that includes so-called friends. They begin to develop their own warped views of what's right or wrong, and see even those who attempt to help them as enemies, if they don't get the kind of feedback that they want to hear.

Know any individuals who fit the aforementioned descriptions? Some are probably residing right in your town or city. A lot of people are afraid

to voice their real concerns out loud for fear of retaliation or revenge that might be taken against them. That's a big part of the problem; individuals who know that things are wrong, but who don't speak out against the abuses of power and the unethical behavior. Maybe if more people took a stand the person(s) would stop before more lives or careers are ruined.

The abuse of power is just like the abuse of drugs, alcohol or any other type of vices. It must be put to a stop before it destroys the individual(s) and the people around them. We need not turn our heads and pray for some type of divine intervention. The people can put an end to all of this, by making sure that people are held accountable for their actions and behaviors. Depending on the positions held, the electorate can recall public officials, or simply not vote them back into office when they are up for re-election. Ultimately, the real power resides with the

people, if they choose to use it.

All incumbents have track records which need to be carefully reviewed and scrutinized before the electorate cast their votes. Reject wild rumors and accusations that can not be substantiated or supported. But when consistent and ongoing patterns of abuse are clearly evident, then it would be wise to investigate the information further. Encourage people to speak out and stand up for their rights. Silence isn't the best answer or solution. Only full disclosure of all relevant facts and information will clear the air.

Hopefully, some of these officials will review the ethical standards that they have agreed to adhere to when they first were sworn into these positions. The internalization of these principles is what's needed, as opposed to token lip service. Anything else is unacceptable, and should be rejected by all who value integrity and honesty from those who would seek to serve us.

Be wise — Immunize

by Donna B. Shalala

In the 1940s and 1950s, when children developed a fever, it was often due to polio, measles, or other infectious diseases. Parents were helpless as their children's bodies weakened. Many children died, and many more were disabled. But since that time, we've made progress.

Because of the development of lifesaving vaccines, parents breathe easier. So much easier, in fact, that millions of parents take their children's health for granted. We no longer hear about a 5-year-old girl confined to an iron lung in the hospital. We no longer see large numbers of children arriving at school on crutches, or in wheelchairs, after being previously disabled by an infectious disease.

But because we no longer see the pain and scars of these terrible diseases, we don't always remember to protect our children. Just in the last few years, we have witnessed large outbreaks. During 1989-1991, more than 55,000 people contracted measles, and at least 132 people died—many of them children who had not been fully vaccinated against the disease.

In 1994, despite previous nationwide alerts and action to stop the resurgence of this disease, 58 cases of measles had been reported to the CDC by March 20.

It's a national tragedy that a one-year-old child in the United States is

less likely to be protected against polio than a child from most countries in the developing world. More than one-third of America's preschoolers are not adequately immunized against most preventable diseases.

In the African-American population, only 78 percent of two-year-olds are protected against many infectious diseases. Nationwide, millions of babies have not been properly immunized. And as a result, we've witnessed an alarming increase in infectious, potentially crippling diseases among America's youngest children.

Many parents don't know the facts: It's not good enough to wait to get the child's shots until just before entering kindergarten. To fully immunize a child, you have to take the baby back to a health professional for a series of four to five visits before or his second birthday.

It's also critical that doctors and other health professionals use every opportunity to vaccinate the infants in their practice. Health care workers must check a baby's immunization status each time he or she visits the office or clinic, and vaccinate the child if needed.

The Clinton Administration has taken strong action to protect our nation's children. President Clinton greatly increased funds for state and local governments to enhance their

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Letters to the Editor

Newark needs a mayor with political experience

Dear Editor:

As we approach the mayoralty election, we would ask ourselves these questions? What do we know about the candidates? Who do you feel is qualified to lead Newark? Are we so certain that our man will win that we can toss this one away?

What do we really know about the candidates? Well, there's a lot of new blood and even some very young new blood. Since most of them have never held public office, been appointed or elected, we really don't know them!

Now, I'm not suggesting that you have to be a politician to run for office. It's how can you vote effectively in a system if you don't know how it works?

If you never worked for City Hall, how long will it take you to learn? Being the brother of a Congressman doesn't help. Unless knowledge and experience is hereditary. Any doctor, even a foot doctor, adds a certain amount of class to any election, but I would prefer if her specialty is the other part of the body. Only one of the nominees has worked his way up the ladder. Starting as a community leader and eventually working his way from a four-term council member to mayor. So now that we know something about the candidates. Who is really qualified to be Mayor?

Of course, the voters will make the final decision. But this is something to consider. As a voter I would want someone who has a proven track record. A man who has improved the City's economic status and quality of life. A man who has the leadership qualities to guide other cities and other mayors.

A man who has held the line on taxes. So that Newarkers have the lowest out of pocket expenses of any municipality in Essex County. Any mayor who gets a "Presidential Phone Call" worth \$2.5 million dollars should be considered. I think we should definitely make sure he gets reelected. Especially if he's pledged to make safety a top priority.

I'm sure Mayor James is someone we all can agree on. But are we so certain this election is "in the bag" that we can afford to toss this one away and not vote?

New Jersey has a Republican Governor with a Republican Legislature. But Newark is Democratic and voted overwhelmingly for her opponent. Now, I'm not suggesting that Gov. Whitman would hold this against us, but if she had to make a crucial decision for or against Newark, what do you thing she'd do?

We're asking for parity not charity. If the Governor has to tighten the belt. Then don't let Newark be the first notch.

What we need is leadership not promises, wishes not wait and sees and action not name calling. A man who has done the job and will continue the progress. A mayor who is not afraid to fight for this city. Yes, we held an election and some came running. But only one of them was Sharpe'—weld to win

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Peter Pan at Club Bené



PERTH AMBOY—It will be Hook vs. Pan when Once Upon A Time, Inc. brings the thrilling production of Peter Pan Neverland to the stage of Club Bené on Thursday, May 5th. Once Upon A Time will be returning to the Club Bené with the timeless tale of the boy "who won't grow up" and his adventures in the magical Neverland. This fully staged musical adaptation of Sir James Barrie's classic is a benchmark production and is sure to delight both the young and the young at heart. The production will begin at 10 a.m., admission, is \$7 per person, and includes lunch. Club Bené, located on Route 35 in South Amboy, is wheelchair accessible and has free parking. For information and reservations call 718-846-9182 or 846-6594.

KIDS Kalendar

APRIL 30, MAY 1

WESTBURY NY—Westbury Music Fair presents, "All the Fun You Can Sing," an interactive musical experience during for families to sing and act out their favorite songs. For further information call 516-334-0860, or Ticketmaster locations.

NOW THRU MAY

NEW YORK—Children's Museum of the Arts in Soho offers wide range of ongoing exhibitions and weekend workshops. Workshops include wood sculptures, costume collage, print making, and more. The museum is located on 72 Spring St., between Broadway and Lafayette St. Call 212-274-0886 for info.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

NEWARK—Registration for the Essex County College Summer Youth Enrichment Program will offer an all-day Educational Day Camp for students in grades one through six. Classes will be held Mon.-Thurs. with field trips on Fridays, July 11 to August 19. To register call 201-877-3416 or call for a free brochure 877-3436.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

PLAINFIELD—The ARCO Jesse Owens Games, local boys and girls born between 1980-1987 are eligible to participate at 6:00 p.m. Running & jumping events, 50, 100, 200, 400 meter races, long jump, and more. To register call 808-753-0860, or in person at Plainfield City Hall. Dead line for applications is May 14.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

PLAINFIELD—The 33rd Annual Plainfield Fishing Derby will be held at Cedarbrook Park Pond, rain or shine from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prizes will be presented to those youngsters catching the largest fish in each of the three designated age groups (boys & girls).

MAY 14-JUNE 4

NEW YORK—The Krazy Kritters of Karverville Forest, a children's musical at the Westside Repertory Theatre, 252 W. 81 St. Tickets are \$30/adults, \$20/children. For reservations call 212-874-7290.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

CRANFORD—The Girl Scouts "Kaleidoscope '94," an interactive event planned as a tribute to ethnic and cultural diversity. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Union County College. Registration on first-come first-served basis. Admission is \$8.50 per girl scout. For more information call 908-232-3236.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

LINCROFT—The African-American Family Festival will be held at Brookdale Community College. For more info, call 908-224-2393.

MONDAY, JUNE 27

MORRISTOWN—Morristown-Beard School will hold a six week Summer School course for students entering grades 6-12. From 27-Aug-5th. Courses may be taken to strengthen skills or to gain credit or extra credit. For more information or a brochure call 201-539-3032.

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Rutgers holds poetry reading and unveiling of literary magazine

NEWARK—United, the literary Magazine of Rutgers-Newark will hold its celebration and unveiling of the Spring 1994 issue on Monday May 2.

The magazine provides a forum of expression for students, faculty, and alumni of Rutgers-Newark and also features a cultural experience for Newark.

The magazine has a circulation of approximately 1500. It provides students, many of whom have never been published, with an opportunity to have their literary works published in a professional literary magazine recognized by surrounding colleges and the community.

The unveiling celebration will include a poetry reading with poets Sonia Sanchez, Amir Baraka, Linda A.H. Walker of Newark Writers Collective Inc., Abdul Rahim Ahmed, Khadar Suliman and Rutgers student contributors. Artwork will be exhibited by Hassan Love. The event will take place in the Robeson Campus Center at 6 p.m.

Shabazz High School Junior ROTC unit wins drill competition

NEWARK—Malcolm X Shabazz Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets won first prize for their performance in Individual Drill at the 1st Annual ROTC Drill Team Competition.

The team participated in three events and won first place for all three: Individual Drill, Platoon Drill and Battalion Drill. The team also received the plaque for Overall Best Performance.

Shabazz students are the first Newark group to participate in a Junior ROTC unit. The cadets are prepared to become better citizens,

taught self-discipline, assisted with the ROTC college aptitude test or entry into the regular military as officers.

male and female cadets report in uniform to assist their peers at lunch and hallway patrols. Twice weekly on Thursday and Friday afternoons they receive drill team and color guards ceremony practice. Physical, weapons escape and invasion training, CPR and map reading are given at a military training camp during the summer. Students must maintain a "C" average to qualify for the program.

High school students selected for Freedom Forum Rainbow Institute

WASHINGTON, DC—The Freedom Forum has announced that 30 high school students have been selected to participate in this summer's expanded Rainbow Institute at San Francisco State University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Twelve African Americans, ten Asian Americans, five Latinos, two Caucasians and one Native American were chosen for the program.

The Rainbow Institute, a major multicultural journalism education initiative for high school students, previously had operated solely at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The program was expanded to the West Coast last fall with the designation of San Francisco State University as a new host site. Fifteen students will participate in the program at each location.

"The program is intended to emphasize the importance of diversity in both news hiring and news coverage," said Charles L. Overby, president and CEO of The Freedom Forum.

The Rainbow Institute, which will be funded by a \$70,000 grant to each school from The Freedom Forum, works to develop high school students' interest in journalism as a career through a combination of classroom study, newsroom practice, professional mentors and scholarship support. The Institute is conducted in cooperation with the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE).

In the final week of the program, the students also produce a newspaper that is inserted into the campus newspaper. After successful completion of the program, participants each receive a \$1,000 scholarship for college journalism studies.

Daily newspapers nationwide

were asked to nominate outstanding high school juniors from their cities or circulation areas for the Rainbow Institute. Sponsoring newspapers were also asked to provide mentoring when the student returns to his or her hometown after the three weeks of training.

"The Rainbow Institute is the only Program of its kind that involves the editors in a significant way," said Mervyn Aubeisun, an editor of the *Louisville Courier-Journal* and co-founder of the Rainbow Institute. "The editors not only must select the candidates in their circulation area, but they also agree to a mentoring relationship that ensures significant contact with each student for years to come. That familiarity is where we really grab them in and give them their head start in journalism."

"At a time when many editors complain that there just aren't enough minority candidates out there, we have found a way to grow our own, and if you grow your own, they are going to come back home."

The winners were selected by a committee coordinated by Alice Bonner, director of journalism education for The Freedom Forum.

Committee members included ASNE representatives David Hawpe and Aubeisun of the *Louisville Courier-Journal*; Chuck Stone and Jan Elliot of UNC; Jon Funabiki of San Francisco State University; and Mervyn Lynch of The *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

Other committee members included Ruben Castaneda of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists; Retha Bill of the National Association of Black Journalists; Evelyn Hsu of the Asian-American Journalists Association; and Elmer Savilla of the Native American Journalists Association.

Irvington student is Governor of NJ high schools



IRVINGTON—Daniel Webster of Irvington High School was recently elected Governor of New Jersey High Schools by his high school peers in the Youth in Government Program.

Audition now for Annie

LINDEN—Young performers from age eight to 22 are invited to audition for the Linden Summer Playhouse's production of the musical *Annie*.

Talent should come prepared with a musical selection and be ready to sing and perform simple dance routines.

Auditions will be held at the Reform Church on Wood Avenue in Linden on Friday, May 6 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 at 11 a.m. Call backs will be Monday, May 9 at 6 p.m. College students who will not be able to make try-out dates can call 908-322-8591.

Plainfield Library hosts young artists' exhibition

PLAINFIELD—The works of Plainfield's youngest artists are currently being displayed in the Young People's Room of the Plainfield Public Library.

The exhibition is part of the Elementary and Middle School Music and Arts Festival, and will be displayed until May 31.

The art works on display have been collected by the art teachers of Plainfield Public Elementary and Middle Schools; as some of the best work of the school year. For additional information please call 757-1111.

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Healthy ways to enjoy soul food

PLAINFIELD—You can keep your soul food healthy and your desserts still have a healthy diet. That's the message of a three-day course on healthy eating developed by the Plainfield Adult Center for Continuing Education and the Gloria Rose Gourmet Long Life Cooking School of Springfield, N.J.

"African Americans use the best ingredients in soul food, but they don't know how to prepare it properly to make it healthy food," said Gloria Rose, the director and founder of the Gourmet cooking school. The course will be held on May 2, 9 and 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and incorporates techniques for healthy eating that come from hard realities:

- Preventing a health problem is far better than making changes after a problem has occurred.

- Lifestyle changes—which can be difficult, time consuming, and expensive—are not necessary to improve eating habits.

- Dieting—whether to lose weight or lower cholesterol—has to be as simple and easy as possible.

Black Americans are particularly susceptible to high blood pressure. It is nearly two times more common in African Americans than in whites, according to statistics compiled by the American Heart Association. The number of African-American postmenopausal women over the age of 55 with high blood pressure is nearly double that of white women.

Cancer, also linked to poor diet, is the second leading killer of New Jerseyans, accounting for more than 25 percent of all deaths in the state.

Starting with French barbecue-hot fudge Sundae, the course will teach students how to continue to enjoy the foods they grew up with and have come to love, but without the dangers of added fat, sugar and sodium.

Students will learn quick cooking tips, how to shop wisely and healthy recipes. The new food labels that the Food and Drug Administration will announce on May 5 will be discussed during the course.

The cost of the course is \$60 and will be given at the Plainfield High School.

Religious Calendar

FRIDAY, MAY 6

PATERSON—Just A Prayer Away," a musical comedy drama that will have you laughing and crying as the cast revolves in song and dance. The Patersec County Community College, 1 College Blvd. (Broadway), \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For ticket information call these locations: Spirit Music 201-745-5286, Record City 201-278-5800 or 773-1818.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

ELIZABETH—Elder Timothy Wright & The Timothy Wright Concert Choir. 7 p.m. at the Ritz Theater. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. For more information call Heister G. Davis at 201-648-3370.

MAY 9 THRU 13

NEWBRUNSWICK—Mt. Zion AME Church Festival week, every evening at 7 p.m. at the Ritz Theater. Tickets are \$45-3638.

MONDAY, MAY 9

NEWBRUNSWICK—Mt. Zion AME Church celebrates 30 years of leadership by Rev. Henry Hidebrand. Guest preacher for the evening will be Rev. George SeaWright, musical praise provided by his choir.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

NEWBRUNSWICK—Mt. Zion AME revival week ends with a concert featuring Jenkins Brothers, Soloist Charles Perry and more. Show time is at 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

NEWARK—The Park Avenue Christian Church Family celebrates Pentecost Appreciation Day, 11 a.m. service given by The Pastor Vacation Club. For more information call Heister G. Davis at 201-648-3370.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

PLAINFIELD—The United Methodist Church of Plainfield will hold its annual Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sat. May 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Good used and new merchandise, adult and children clothes, household items, novelties etc. For further information call Jane Thistle at 908-757-7825.

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Pay now or pay later

by Samuel K. Atchison

Some things simply boggle the mind. It amazes me that as I traverse the tiers and corridors of the prison in which I work, the most mental tasks are being accomplished by the toughest inmates.

Day after day, large, muscular men many of whom once struck fear in the hearts of their rivals on the street, are now reduced to mopping floors, cleaning toilets and taking out garbage. Many of these men are forced to rise as early as five o'clock in the morning seven days a week in order to begin their workday on time.

Even more amazing is the fact that they receive no pay for their labor. Although two thirds of the men confined in our facility are state inmates (they are serving time for felony convictions) and thus would receive a nominal wage were they incarcerated elsewhere, ours is a county prison, designed originally to house the guilty of misdemeanor offenses.

As a result, the only remuneration these prisoners receive is credit

toward their release date, enabling them to be discharged perhaps a few months sooner than expected. Yet it appears that the prospect of going home early is incentive enough for many inmates to perform tasks which, to be honest, are labor intensive, and even boring.

What a far cry from the perspective held by many prior to their incarceration. In truth, for most of these men, the discipline associated with the daily grind work was burdensome at best.

Lacking the requisite education and employment skills necessary to earn a decent wage, they were faced with limited options. They could work long hours in low-skill positions for little money, or they could be seduced by the siren of the inner city drugs.

Not surprisingly, many opted to the latter, choosing either to use dope, sell it or both. Getting busted thus provided them with a reprieve from what they knew to be a dangerous lifestyle, but one which they often felt powerless to do anything about.

Once incarcerated, however, the issue became one of making the prop-

er adjustments to ensure that one's jail time was well spent. For most inmates, it is within this context that prison jobs are pursued and educational opportunities sought. And the

competition is keen. In our facility, which holds nearly 800 inmates, only about 200 institutional jobs exist. Moreover, the history of diabetes. For further information call 908-668-2575.

Minority children at risk

by Enid Doggett

According to the National Safe Kids Campaign, African American and Latino children are more likely than their white counterparts to suffer unintentional injuries from fire, drowning, motor vehicle crashes, poisoning and falls.

African American children are three times more likely than white children to die from poisoning or to drown, and they have a fire and burn death rate nearly 3.5 times higher than white children, according to Campaign statistics. Latinos are the only ethnic group in the U.S. which did not show a decrease in preventable injury death rates from 1988 to 1990.

"Unintentional injury takes the lives of more children than all childhood diseases combined. However, these tragedies can be prevented if we make childhood injury prevention a priority," says former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, M.D. Overall, preventable injury is the number one killer of children ages 14 and under and experts say racial dis-

parities in injury rates have more to do with economics than with ethnicity.

As part of its national effort to stop unintentional injury, the Campaign is sponsoring the Safe Kids summit, involving 102 children from various races and ethnic groups, May 9-11 in Washington, DC.

Two children from each state and the District of Columbia, all of whom have been personally affected by unintentional injury will take part in the summit. Children will meet with members of Congress to encourage them to enact public policies proven to save children's lives and reduce health care costs.

"We plan to continue our strong support of the National Safe Kids Campaign, with the hope that the American public and lawmakers will recognize the seriousness of unintentional childhood injury," said Ralph Larsen, chairman and CEO of Johnson & Johnson, the Safe Kids Campaign founding sponsor. "We are using our strength as a major corporate sponsor to help the Campaign put an end to this devastating problem that has the potential to afflict families."

Mt. Zion AME Church celebrates 30 years with Rev. Hidebrand

NEWBRUNSWICK—The Anniversary Committee of Mt. Zion AME Church, in celebration of 30 years of leadership by its Minister, the Reverend Henry A. Hidebrand, is sponsoring its First Annual Citywide Youth Revival.

The revival will run the week of Monday, May 9, through Friday, May 13, and will start at 7 p.m. each evening. Mt. Zion is located at New & Neilson Streets.

Revivalist for the week will be anointed Minister Dwayne Locker of Brooklyn, New York. On Monday,

May 9th, The Renown Rev. George SeaWright of New Brunswick will be the guest speaker, musical praise will be delivered by his choir.

The revival will end on Saturday, May 14th, with a concert featuring, Elder Timothy Wright and his concert choir, Dorothy Norwood of the famous Caravans, McDonald's Gospel Fest Winners, The Jenkins Brothers and Soloist Charles Perry. Concert will begin at 5 p.m. For additional information please contact Ms. Wilma Robinson at 908-249-9854.

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CITY LIFE

Hugh Masekela celebrates a new hope for South Africa

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NOW THRU JUNE 6

CLINTON—Michael Lennon: Real and Virtual Imagery in Contemporary Africa. A.C. Center, 2 Lower Center St. Open from Wednesday-Sunday, at 11 a.m. Admission \$2-50 adults, \$1 for children. 908-735-6415.

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NEW BRUNSWICK—Art as Metaphor: The Art of Contemporary Africa. A.C. Center, 2 Lower Center St. Open from Wednesday-Sunday, at 11 a.m. Admission \$2-50 adults, \$1 for children. 908-735-6415.

NOW THRU MAY 2

NEW YORK-LIV MIA Art Gallery, reception for internationally renowned artist D.T. T. Chien from 6-8 p.m. 137 Spring St. New York, NY 10012, for more information call 212-334-1034.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

NEW YORK—Delicious Vinyl/EastWest 11 recording artist Masta Ace will be on hand at Spike's Joint in Brooklyn from 6-8 p.m. to support and promote Spike 11's new album "Clockwork".

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

NEWARK—Ain't Culture: a mixing and sharing of cultures as expressed in foods, music, and dance. The Terrace Room at Newark Symphony Hall, 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. Guests are encouraged to attend in national/ethnic attire. Special guests, Noel Pointer and Cuba Gooding. For more information call 201-642-5051.

JERSEY CITY—"Mess Appeal," directed by Denise Citron, starring Mika Dattin & Joe Feller. Five Corners Library Auditorium, 678 Newark Ave. Free and open to the public. For information: 201-347-6907/6443.

WATCHUNG—Jazz vocalist Nancy Johnson will perform at the Watchung Arts Center at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 with refreshments at intermission. Call for reservations at 908-753-0190.

ISCATAYAW—"The Grapes of Wrath." Every Fri. & Sat. evenings through May 7th, 416 Victoria Ave. Tickets are \$10 for Fri. and Sat. shows, discounts for students and seniors. Call for reservations: 908-695-7555.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

NEWARK—The Heritage Award Gala. These Monson Jazz Trio, art exhibits, cocktails, and buffet dinner. 7 p.m. at the PSEG. Tickets are \$50, call 201-642-5021.

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SUNDAY, MAY 1

NEW BRUNSWICK—Benefit performance of "Home" for The Black Alliance for Network Crossroads Theatre. 6:30 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. performance. \$20, proceeds to benefit the Julia Baxter Fund Graduate Fellowship. For more information please call Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick.

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Blanchard pays tribute to Lady Day



Jazz musician Terrence Blanchard

NEW YORK—Acclaimed jazz trumpeter Terrence Blanchard and his band will perform at New York's world famous jazz club, The Blue Note, in a week long engagement, April 26th to May 1st to support his new album, *The Billie Holiday Songbook*.

The album is a tribute to the legendary singer. Blanchard says he chose Holiday because "there have been a number of recent recordings which pay tribute to the great composers. I recorded this album because I think attention should be paid to Billie Holiday for her contributions to American music through performance."

Blanchard combines subtle jazz grooves with sweeping orchestral power, resulting in a hauntingly sensual tribute to Lady Day. The CD features songs made popular by the singer, including *Lady Sings the Blues*, *What A Little Moonlight Can Do* and *Strange Fruit*.

by Mxotis Mxashe

South African world-renowned musician and great trumpeter Hugh Masekela, currently on a two-months tour of the US promoting his latest album, *Hope*, will perform in concert at Essex County College, at the College's Mary B. Burch Theater on April 27. The concert is a celebration of the burial of apartheid in South Africa.

As is already known by now, by most Americans and the world in general, the people of South Africa, black and white, will be at the polls over a three-day period to say "good bye" to three-and-a-half centuries of colonialism and apartheid.

South Africans will be voting at a time when violence in their country has risen to such alarming proportions that sometimes people overseas justifiably keep on wondering whether there will be any elections at all.

But the organizers of the Mary B. Burch Theater concert could not have found a better South African musician to dramatize, in song and dance, the South African people's mood and determination to bring about a new political order.

Hugh Masekela calls this the "great hope" by most South Africans

that freedom has at long last come. But some call this a "great expectation" illusion.

For three decades of his exile in the US and other parts of Africa, Masekela has highlighted his people's agony, suffering, and their struggle to be free very vigorously in his music.

In the 1970s he embarked on a "pilgrimage of music," immersing himself in the traditional sounds of Guinea, Liberia, Zaire, and Ghana.

In 1982 Masekela settled for a while in Botswana where he continued to write and perform. He founded the Botswana International School of Music and during this period he also produced several critically acclaimed albums.

In this task he has not been alone but with other equally great South African musicians who have made a sterling contribution towards a culture of music that constantly called for change. Among them are: Miriam Zenzile Makhabe who popularized the "click song" overseas; Jonas Gwangwa, who wrote the music in Sir Richard Attenborough's *Cry Freedom*; Caphus Semanya and his wife Letta and others who have passed away.

In 1988 Masekela and his group formed the backbone of the enormous

successful Graceland project. He then embarked on a tour with Miriam Makhabe and his own Kalahari Band just as international attention focused on the unashamed struggle, for which he had co-written the score (with Mtshengie Ngeza) for both *Breathtway* and film.

In 1991, after 31 years of voluntary exile, in protest of conditions in South Africa, Masekela returned home in support of the New political reality that had begun to emerge.

With his new album *Hope*, Masekela says he has realized his dream of recording "South African music in its truest contemporary forms. Now that there is hope of peace and a new freedom in our land, it is time to exploit our rich cultural heritage in musical expression—it is time to dance, to celebrate."

The show at Essex County College on Wednesday April 27, coincides with the day Hugh Masekela and his fellow South Africans in the U.S. will cast their votes in 16 polling stations throughout the country. In attending the concert will be one of the best means of showing warmest solidarity and support with all the people of South Africa. Admission is \$15 and tickets are available at the Mary Burch Theater Box Office, call 201-377-4425. Show time is at 7 p.m.



South African musician Hugh Masekela

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FOOTING THE BILL

by William Reed

Are African Americans footing the bill for the multitude of things that are being attributed to us? Do we put our money where our mouths are when it comes to making things better for ourselves? How many of us do you know who actually walk the same as they talk about the upliftment of our race?

Recently much talk has been batted about in black America in regards to "black leadership" or what some of us have deemed, the lack of it. Recently the Rev. Benjamin Chavis, who is the executive director of the NAACP, held a secret meeting with some well-known "militant" and "leftist" blacks. The gathering ended up being not so secret, and has upset some NAACP board members, as well as some whites.

The meeting is starting to reveal to black Americans that "the who pays the bill calls the tune," and should cause us to pay attention to who is footing the bills for the NAACP.

Among the people invited to the Detroit meeting were Angela Davis, Sister Souljah, Stokely Carmichael and Ron Karenga, people who've paid their dues outside the traditional "civil rights" arena. Chavis said that the meeting was designed to bring more radical blacks "into increased levels of membership and active participation within the NAACP." Controversy was spawned because of the fact that Chavis kept the meeting secret from NAACP board members and its invitation read, "Confidential - Not for Publication or Reproduction."

Someone provided an invitation to the white media and people across

America have been talking about it, and the "divisions" in African-American leadership, ever since.

A large number of the people who've paid their proper dues to the NAACP's Baltimore headquarters and its board of directors, came out against Chavis having held such a secret meeting.

Talk show host, Joe Madison, spoke out against the meeting and has been labeled an "Uncle Tom," and worse, by loudmouths who have to contribute a thin dime to the coffers of the nation's oldest civil rights organization. The talk has gone way past the meeting and has now reached the stage that the majority of blacks who can find a microphone now mock Chavis, the NAACP and Madison, of "doing nothing" for blacks any more.

The white newspapers and black talk show hosts have had a field day taking sides and promoting division among blacks, asking questions such as: "Should the meeting have been held?" "Who is actually running the NAACP," and "what role does the NAACP play in, and for, black America?" But a better question for us to be asking is "Who is footing the bill for all of the above?"

The NAACP's board of directors appointed, hired and pays Chavis \$100,000-a-year salary, and can take him to the woodshed whenever they wish.

Black Americans' direct contributions fall short of sustaining the bulk of the NAACP's \$7 million-a-year annual budget, thereby allowing their priorities to fall behind those sought by the group's major contributors. White newspapers continue to lag in hitting blacks in their newsrooms, try to tumourad

and pay their "equal opportunity" dues by placing this, and other, negative stories on their front pages.

Black media networks, and their talk show hosts, are just trying to put their bills and csk out a little profit from the hype created by white newspapers and willing African stooges.

The reasons that Chavis is in hot water are many. Whites have been critical of him for his refusal to denounce Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. NAACP Chairman of the Board, William Gibson, makes no bones at all about the fact that he, and not Chavis, is the head of the organization. And, white corporate leaders have a lot to do with the purse strings of the NAACP, and therefore where the group places its priorities.

Civil rights warrior that he is, Chavis has not figured out how to pull the fundraising lever in such a manner that he can generate enough revenues to allow him the freedom he needs to meet with whomever he wants, whenever he wants.

Most of black America gives out more talk about the shortcomings of organizations, like the NAACP, than they contribute to them. We give opinions about how the organization should be run, and little else. When it comes to understanding the reason for the decline of African-American institutions and organizations the bottom line answer is that we refuse to foot the bill and take care of our own.

If we take a serious good look at ourselves and the bottom line of our situations we'd see that two old sayings apply to us quite well: most of us exhibit more flash than we do cash, when it comes to taking care of our own, and in the end we must realize that "We have met the enemy and they are us."

cause of government, business and academic opportunities for Caribbean people migrating to the United States. As the daughter of Jamaican parents, the late Alexander and Jeanette Pitter, Kay-Williams was a charter member of the organization that celebrates Caribbean Festival Day annually in East Orange.

Seated among the throng of mourners who packed the church of the Epiphany in Orange for the eulogy, were former students whose lives were touched by the woman who was always ready to encourage, motivate and drive to achieve success.

There were former and current members of the city council who had cheered and saluted Kay-Williams this past New Year's Day as she took the oath of office as councilwoman from Ward 2 in a wheelchair, refusing to let her inability to navigate on her own keep her from the ceremony.

There were many women in the audience who had welcomed her to a ceremony celebrating Women's History Month—an event she helped to initiate many years ago, and a celebration she was determined to enjoy as the progress of females in government.

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Corrina-Kay loses battle

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That chance came in 1982 when she was elected to serve an unexpired term as Freeholder, District III on the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders from 1982-1984.

It was the happiest of times for Kay-Williams who always felt fulfilled when she was serving people. She brought a portfolio of 40 years experience to the post of Freeholder, having served the city of East Orange as a parking commissioner, police commissioner, fire commissioner and later added to that list, a member of the East Orange Board of Education.

Until she was elected council person for the Second Ward in 1993, Kay-Williams literally threw herself into volunteer community work, working with the Essex County Youth Advisory Council as a board member, the Executive Board of the East Orange Community Committee and Day Care 100.

At the time of her death she was an active member of the State Democratic Committee, N.J. Federation of Women, National Political Congress of Black Women, Essex County Democratic Women, North Jersey Business and Professional Women's Club, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and was an executive board member for the East Orange Head Start Program.

In recent years she adopted the

The Honorable Donald Tucker, Chairman of the Municipal Council's Affirmative Action Committee and the Members of the Newark Municipal Council, Newark Board of Education and the Newark Housing Authority will hold a Public Hearing to discuss the findings of the Post Crosen Final Report. This hearing will afford minority vendors an opportunity to express their views and experiences relating to set-aside contracts.

Date: Thursday, May 5, 1994
Time: 4pm - 8pm
Place: Council Chamber

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All speakers are required to register with Mr. Joseph Greer of the City Clerk's Office Room 311, City Hall or 733-3850, before Tuesday, May 3, 1994. Late registrars may be allowed to speak depending on time. All comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

How to buy a home

NEWARK—The Bank of New York National Community Division is sponsoring a Home Buyer Seminar in Newark on Friday, April 29.

The seminar will be held at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, located at 224 West Kinney Street and will run from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

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Public Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown (hereinafter called the Authority), in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, at the Administrative Office of the Authority located at 31 Early Street, Morristown, NJ on May 13, 1994 at 10:00 am prevailing time. All Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time.

The project consists of delivery and installation of Furniture, at a newly constructed Resident's Center.

The Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any and all bids in the best interest of the Authority to do so. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids. The information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Plans and Specifications may be reviewed at the office of the Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown, 31 Early Street, Morristown, NJ 07960. The Specifications limit the Furniture manufacturer except as specifically noted on the Proposal Sheets and Part II of Contract Consideration Section.

The information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown, 31 Early Street, Morristown, NJ at any time during regular business hours 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in the following amount:

Bids	Amount
Up to \$200,000	10%
\$200,000 - 400,000	\$20,000
over \$400,000	5%

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Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975, c. 127 which pertains to "Non-Discrimination" and Affirmative Actions, and Public Law 1977, c. 33, which required a Statement of Ownership.

LAWRENCE R. JACKSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

4/27/94

INVITATION TO BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Paterson will receive sealed Bids on Wednesday, May 18, 1994 at 10:00 am, 180 Ward Street, Paterson, New Jersey for the following items as outlined in the Technical Specifications:

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NJ21-8, Rev. William Griffin Homes
NJ21-10, Gordon Carfield Plaza

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The Housing Authority of the City of Paterson reserves the right to reject any and all Bids or to waive any informalities in the Bidding.

No Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to opening of bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Paterson.

A Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty which shall not be less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the total bid. At the option of the bidder, the guaranty may be a certified check, bank draft, U.S. Government Bond (not current date market value) or a bid bond secured by Guaranty or Surety Company. Performance and Completion Bonds will be required of the successful bidder.

This project is 100% financed with Federal money, under the 1991 Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program (CIAP), which provides funding for various Modernization Activities at NJ21-7, 8, 10 and 11.

Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) will be offered full opportunity to bid and will not be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color sex or national origin in consideration of an award.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PATERSON
FRANK DEL MONACO, ASST. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Business Calendar

NOW THRU MAY 14

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer a six session "Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) Review." This course is designed to help law school candidates prepare for the LSAT. Classes meet on Saturdays, 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Tuition is \$135.00 to register call (201) 200-0368.

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY

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NOW THRU MAY 11

TRENTON—Start Right! Build Right! Entrepreneurial training program sponsored by the National Association of Women Business Owners, every Wednesday from 8-9 p.m., at the NJ SBOC, Mercer County Community College, 400 Wall Township, at the NJ Natural Gas Co., Washington (Warren County) and Vineland (Warren County) for more information or to enroll in seminars contact Harriet Nazarene, NJAWBO/EXCEL headquarters, 908-707-0713.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

WEST ORANGE—Soton Hall University's Second Annual Job Fair. Main Lounge & Chancellor's Suite at the Bishop Dougherty Student Center. Registration from 8 a.m. - 8:45 a.m., Networking 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$25 Table (breakfast, lunch). For more information call Lizzy Piro or Beth Reynolds at 201-751-9355/ FAX 201-751-9009.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

NEWARK—Marketing Your Business—What You Need to Know." Featured speaker: William Tomsett, ESQ. Newark Club, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Contact Jennifer Egan at 242-6237.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

EAST ORANGE—EO Board, of EA review council invites minority contractors to attend a workshop regarding new construction at Ashland School. All contractors are welcome. For more information call Mr. Levi Crawford at 201-266-9978/5728.

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Newark hosts AA heritage weekend

NEWARK—The African-American Heritage Parade Committee, Inc. will be presenting a weekend of festivities on April 29-May 1 to celebrate the contributions of African Americans to American life. The events, include an Africuture evening with ethnic food, dance, music, and art; a formal Gala and awards presentation ceremony; and the 16th Annual African-American Heritage Parade.

On Friday, April 29, from 9 p.m. - 3 a.m., the committee will host Africuture, a mixing and sharing of cultures as expressed in foods, music and dance in The Terrace Room at Newark Symphony Hall. Guests are encouraged to attend the event in national/ethnic attire.

The Africuture talent line-up includes violinist Noel Pointer, singers Cuba Gooding and Terry Randall; jazz saxophonist Jesse Morrison and his Trio; poet Hattie Gossett; The Liberian Dance Troupe; and other music and dance groups representing African culture from around the world.

Included in the Africuture ticket price is a buffet of Afrocentric foods, catered by Marian's Fine Foods.

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Basic Skills and G.E.D. classes are so full that the list of applicants for each course of study is several months long. Yet requests for a chance to work or attend school pour in daily.

In pondering this phenomenon, I am reminded of the insight provided in Psalm 90. There, the writer (historically identified as Moses) looks at the frustrations and futility of human life in light of the infinite majesty of the Almighty. Concluding that our collective life on this earth has little meaning outside of God's divine purpose, he beseeches the Lord, in verse 12, with this entreaty: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

The tickets for Africuture are \$30 and available at Newark Symphony Hall Ticket Office at 1030 Broad Street, 201-643-8009.

The African American Heritage Parade Committee, Inc. has chosen the recipients of the First Heritage Award. The award was established by the Committee to honor African Americans who have made an exceptional cultural and/or human development contribution to the African-American community.

The award will be presented to Roberto J. Coleman of AT&T and Newark Detective Laurence Brown, Sr., at a black tie Gala on Saturday, April 30, at Public Service Electric & Gas Company.

The Parade will be held on Sunday, May 1 beginning at noon with New Jersey Secretary of State, Loma R. Hooks as Grand Marshall.

Pre-parade music and dance activities commence at 9:30 a.m. at the reviewing stand in front of City Hall with the opening ceremony beginning at 11 a.m. There will be entertainment, food and vendors at PSE&G Plaza, Military Park, and Washington Park after the Parade. For further information please contact Donald Bernard, Sr. at 201 642-5051.

The Psalmist is concerned that given the brief life span of the average individual, time and energy be spent on those activities which are useful, constructive and beneficial. Considering the amount of time that is often wasted in prison, those who seek to be productive while incarcerated are headed in the right direction.

Yet even more important than being resourceful in prison is the need to stay in course upon being released. For, if one's prison activities reflect only a jail house conversion, then an already brief life expectancy is likely to become briefer still.

Political debates

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man Ronald Rice and East Ward Councilman Henry Martinez who are running unopposed.

The second forum on April 27 focuses on the South Ward race.

Candidates for the Central Ward will be interviewed on April 29th, and on May 2nd we will hear from the North Ward candidates.

The forum on May 4 will direct its attention to thirteen candidates competing in the At-Large race.

The final forum on May 6 will feature the candidates for the Mayor's race.

Francisco Saldana producer and programming manager at Cablevision said, "The forums will help people understand to be participants in the political process."

George Booth general manager of Cablevision said "Newarkers have a great opportunity to get to know their candidates and review the issues from the comfort of their homes."

We hope that all residents are registered to vote on May 10th. In an effort to help register voters, Cablevision established a voter registration site in their customer service lobby.

As I see it

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number in the races for mayor, at-large and ward councilmen. How far can people in Newark stretch their hard-earned dollars?

Those candidates foolish enough to schedule fund-raisers at the time most folks are worrying about the IRS get just what they deserve—smaller and almost non-existent contributors no matter how gala the fund-raiser.

Essex County Democratic candidates in the June Primary election have decided against self-destructing and not a minute too soon.

Last week most of the candidates (and there are three slates) signed a fairness pledge which ought to eradicate name-calling and mud-slinging as each group tries to win the party nomination to face a solidified Republican ticket for county executive, sheriff and register in November.

An independent poll has Freeholder Sara Bost running ahead of incumbent Mayor Mike Steele in the Irvington mayor-council election.

However, the presence of a white candidate in the mix may force this election into a June runoff.

While Bost and Steele are fighting each other the third candidate is lashing out at both of them in a cam-

paign where neither candidate has the full support or endorsement of the community-at-large.

Incumbents in elections in Newark, Irvington and other places are complaining about voter apathy.

One reason why people don't care one way or the other is the fact many incumbents have been in office for approximately 20 years or more and voters are tired of the same old faces in the same old places and new candidates who cry for "change" are being listened to and heard.

One of the potential changes is in the Central Ward where Councilman George Branch is looking to a third term. Branch was the first ward councilman since the 1960s elected to a second term. The question this year is whether or not he still has the magic

Empowerment zone

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three basic goals. Wallace then expressed the need for a drug-free city, health care that includes AIDS prevention education and a system whereby "we lock arms and work together."

The Economic Development Task Force envisions a plan, driven by capital, industrial development, job opportunities, and technology, that will reduce poverty levels by the year 2005.

Marcus Dasher, Jr., of the Housing Task Force, listed improving public housing. In addition, this task force would like to see funds reallocated "from 'homeless hotels' to permanent housing or rental assistance and an increase in Section 8 vouchers."

"I feel very strongly that Newark will be one of the cities selected as an empowerment zone. In retrospect, I really don't think money is the issue," commented task force member and the Lifesavers Group Director Zakiyyah Stewart.

"I am excited about the networking that is already going on" and the current collaborative efforts that are "laying a framework already," she continues.

Educational task force member

to pull off the impossible.

The person currently being touted as Branch's successor is Mary Kone, a long-time activist who is quietly organizing an election day team minus publicity and fanfare. Just good old fashioned hard work and help from some folks who have never backed Branch and who want to champion a woman for the council seat.

Corrina-Kay Williams

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in East Orange was remembered.

Her last public appearance was slightly more than three weeks ago and she was as valiant as always despite an obvious weakness that belied her optimism and enthusiasm to be part of the crowd.

And that perhaps is how many people will remember Corrina Kay Williams, an optimistic, enthusiastic, driving force for opportunity and change through education and politics. Her passing is mourned by her devoted loving husband Clinton Williams, a host of relatives and friends.

Alma Vincent, of the Unified Vailsburg Services Organization, maintains that the proposal's plight should revolve around everyone from "conception to grave."

J. Barry Washington, of Newark Fighting Back, the organization designated to write the proposal, closed the meeting by requesting that each task force chairperson submit a draft of their version of the proposal tomorrow (Thursday - 4/27/94) at noon. According to Washington, this will assist Newark Fighting Back, in "crystallizing the ideas" put forth by members of the various task forces.

If the strategies and visions incorporated into Newark's proposal for empowerment funds are viewed as a light puff on a nicotine-free cigarette, will the collaborative effort continue? Only time will tell if the combined efforts involving the community-at-large will position Newark in a place somewhere between an empowered city and utopia.



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